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SUBJECT: TARBELA HYDROPOWER PROJECT, PAKISTAN

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SUMMARY: REPAIRS TO DAMAGED TUNNELS AT TARBELA DAM SITE ARE PROCEEDING AND BANK PROPOSES TO RESCHEDULE BOARD CONSIDERATION OF TARBELA HYDROPOWER PROJECT FOR NOV. 28 IN ORDER TO KEEP EXECUTION OF WORK ON ORIGINAL TIME SCHEDULE. USADB PROPOSES TO SUPPORT.

1. ADB DOC. IN.97-74 ENTITLED "TARBELA HYDROPOWER PROJECT, PAKISTAN" POUCHES ADDRESSEES NOV. 18 UPDATES DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING TARBELA HYDROPOWER PROJECT. ACCORDING TO BANK PAPER, BANK STAFF ATTENDED MEETING OF "SPECIAL CONSULTANTS" AT TARBELA FROM SEPT. 27

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TO OCT. 4 TO ASCERTAIN DAMAGE AT TARBELA DAM SITE AND

IMPACT ON DAM AND ON BANK'S PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIBED IN ADB DOC. R75-74 DATED AUG. 6, 1974. MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY PAKISTAN'S WATER AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (WAPDA) AND WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY IBRD MISSION, GOVT OF PAKISTAN OFFICIALS AND PROJECT CONSULTANTS.

2. BANK PAPER ASSERTS IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT, WHILE SEVERE AND COSTLY TO REPAIR, DAMAGE IS RESTRICTED TO TUNNEL AREA, AND ONCE REPAIRED WILL NOT AFFECT PROPER FUNCTIONING OF DAM OR POWER STATION. DAMAGE TO TUNNELS 3 AND 4 IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE SERIOUS. REPAIRS HAVE ALREADY STARTED; ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SHORT TIME; AND TUNNELS SHOULD BE FULLY OPERATIONAL FOR RIVER DIVERSION AND IRRIGATION WITHIN CURRENT DRY SEASON. TUNNELS 1 AND 2, WHICH SERVE AS DIVERSION TUNNELS DURING CONSTRUCTION OF DAM, WILL BE CONVERTED TO SERVE AS POWER TUNNELS. THEY SUSTAINED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE DURING INITIAL FILLING AND SUBSEQUENT DRAWDOWN OF RESERVOIR, INCLUDING COLLAPSE OF 300-FOOT SECTION OF TUNNEL 2. REPAIR WORK IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY, AND IT IS EXPECTED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO ALLOW REFILLING OF RESERVOIR DURING 1975 WET SEASON.

3. BANK WILL OBTAIN DETAILED RESERVOIR FILLING PROCEDURES FROM RESPONSIBLE CONSULTANTS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. PRIOR TO BOARD DISCUSSION OF PROJECT, BANK WILL OBTAIN WRITTEN ASSURANCE FROM GOVT AND WAPDA THAT THESE PROCEDURES WILL BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

4. PAPER ASSERTS THAT DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY CHAIN OF EVENTS WHICH COULD NOT REOCCUR DURING SECOND FILLING OF RESERVOIR SCHEDULED FOR MID-1975. BANK, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDS THAT PROJECT BE CONSIDERED BY BOARD ON NOV. 28 IN ORDER TO KEEP EXECUTION OF WORK ON ORIGINAL TIME SCHEDULE. USADB PROPOSES TO SUPPORT (PER REF B) UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY.
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